THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The personnel of para-military forces are already being imparted suitable training and orientation.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Review of the Police Act

4108. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have been requested to take stpes for reviewing the Police Act to cope with the worsening law and order situation in the country;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to take some action on these requests; and

(d) the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) and (b) The National Police Commission in its Eighth Report submitted in May, 1981 suggested a draft Police Bill to replace the Police Act, 1861.

(c) and (d) The matter is being examined from all angles so that a final view can be taken on bringing about appropriate changes in the Police Act.

Monitoring the developments at Ayodhya

4109. SHRI M. A. BABY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details regarding the minute to minute monitoring of developments in Ayodhya undertaken by his Ministry on 6th December, 1992 considering the explosive situation which prevailed there and the action taken on the basis of the intelligence monitoring of the activities of the Kar Sevaks;

(b) at what time the Ministry got information regarding the demolition of the Babri Masjid domes;

(c) at what time the Ministry got information regarding the beginning of construction of temple on his debris; and

(d) at what time security personnel cleared the site?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) to (d) On 6 December 1992, initial reports from Ayodhya indicated that the situation was peaceful. However, between 11.45 and 11.50 hours, about 150 Kar Sewaks suddenly broke the cordon and started pelting stones at the police personnel. Equally suddenly, about 1000 Kar Sewaks broke into the RJB-BM structure. About 80 Kar Sewaks climbed the domes of the structure and started damaging them. At 14.40 hours, a crowd of 75,000 Kar Sewaks was surrounding the structure and many of them were engaged in demolishing it.

At 12.10 p.m., immediately on receipt of information regarding the attack on the RJB-BM structure, the Union Home Secretary and other officers of the Home Ministry contacted various State Officers and urged them that in view of the situation which seemed to be getting out of control, they should use the Central Para Military Forces. The State Officers informed that they would seek the Chief Minister's orders in this regard. The Home Minister also spoke to the Chief Minister, Uttar Pradesh on telephone more than once. At 12.45 P.M., some Forces were requisitioned by the State authorities and these were made available immediately. However, when these forces